AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposals which were complete and fit into our pattern of schemes have been taken up for grant of financial assistance.

(c) and (d) Proposals regarding provision of boats at Hussainsagar Lake and Water Sports at Bhawanipuram in Vijaywada have been accepted and sanctioned. Proposal regarding Ropeway at Tirupati-Tirumala has not been sanctioned since it does not fit in our pattern of schemes. There is no proposal regarding Warangal and Kalahasti.

**Modern facilities in the Technical Education at Polytechnic Level**

1865. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a World Bank project is being launched in 1990 to modernise facilities in the technical education at Polytechnic level; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the names of the States to be benefited by this project?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) and (b) The Government are exploring the possibility of securing World Bank assistance to strengthen and modernise the polytechnic education system in the country. Discussions are underway with the World Bank and the State Governments for the preparation of a detailed project proposal indicating the quantum of assistance, states, institutions areas to be covered, time of commencement of the project etc.

**Unsatisfactory conservation work on Sun Temple Konark**

1866. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the conservation work done by Archaeological Survey of India on Sun Temple, Konark is not satisfactory;

(b) whether the progress of conservation work is very slow and at this rate of work the ancient monument could not be saved from rain; and

(c) if so, what steps are taken by Government to undertake adequate conservation work so that the monument could be saved from destruction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

**Non-recruitment of staff for Bengali medium courses in Central Hindi directorate**

1867. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Hindi Directorate has not so far been able to recruit the required staff for the Bengali Medium Courses since 1982;

(b) whether the Diploma course of the Bengali Medium was stopped and the students denied admision, if so, who is responsible therefor;

(c) whether in the block year 1988-89 the total number of 26 posts were sanctoined to the Directorate for the various courses but the Bengali Medium courses were not even offered a single post; and

(d) what action is taken to introduce the National Language in Bengali without regular staff for the course?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

The recruitment for correspondence courses in the Central Hindi Directorate

(CHD) is made keeping in view the overall staffing requirements (including Bengla Medium Courses) for conducting the courses.

(b) to (d) The Bengali Medium Diploma Course has been discontinued from 1988-89 session for administrative reasons. However, CHD is continuing a Certificate course for teaching Hindi to Bengla Medium candidates. Twenty-six posts were sanctioned in 1986 in CHD for all the correspondence courses including Bengali Medium Courses. There is as such no categorisation of posts on the basis of media in the correspondence courses unit of CHD.

**Railway contracts in Iraq**

1868. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways have bagged two more railway contracts in Iraq during the course of his recent visit to that country;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what is the total cost involved in those projects; and

(e) the number of such type of similar projects undertaken earlier by the Railways and in which countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Indian Railways do not execute such contracts. However, Indian Railway Construction Company Ltd. has been awarded a contract for construction of a branch line in Iraq costing Rs. 10 crores. Agreement has not yet been signed.

(e) Number of similar projects undertaken by IRCON are:

IRAQ & BANGLADESH—3 each

ALGERIA & MALAYSIA— 2 each

SAUDI ARABIA, JORDAN,

TANZANIA, NEPAL,

ZAMBIA TURKEY,

INDONESIA & IRAN — 1 each

**राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता मिशन प्राधिकरण द्वारा साक्षरता का प्रसार**

1869. **श्री राम जेठमलानी :**

**सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**

क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता मिशन प्राधिकरण द्वारा देश में साक्षरता के प्रसार के लिए बड़े पैमाने पर एक अभियान आयोजित किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या साक्षरता मिशन प्राधिकरण ने देश से निरक्षरता दूर करने के लिए कोई समयबद्ध लक्ष्य भी निर्धारित किया है ;

(ग) यदि हां, तो अगले तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रत्येक वर्ष हेतु क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किया गया है; और

(घ) पूरे देश में 95 प्रतिशत साक्षरता का लक्ष्य प्राप्त करने के लिए क्या समय-सीमा निर्धारित की गई है?

**मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० शिव शंकर)** : (क) राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता मिशन एक सामाजिक मिशन है। तदनुसार, सरकार द्वारा प्रायोजित कार्यक्रमों के अतिरिक्त व्यापक अभियान के माध्यम से मिशन में समाज के सभी वर्गों जैसे छात्र, शैक्षिक संस्थाओं, युवकों, भूतपूर्व सैनिकों, नियोक्ताओं, व्यापार संघों, स्वैच्छिक एजेंसियों इत्यादि को शामिल करने के प्रयास किये गये हैं/किये जा रहे हैं।

(ख) से (घ) राष्ट्रीय साक्षरता मिशन का लक्ष्य 1995 तक 15–35 के आयु वर्ग के लोगों में 80 मिलियन प्रौढ़ निरक्षरों को कार्यात्मक साक्षरता प्रदान करना है। चालू वर्ष का लक्ष्य